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**NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZED CRIME
DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (OCDETF)**

LAKES REGION WOMAN CONVICTED OF
2002 METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING OFFENSE

Re: United States v. Medora COYNE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, announced that Medora COYNE, 46, formerly of Laconia, NH, was convicted in U.S. District Court of federal methamphetamine distribution charges.

On November 16, 2004, COYNE appeared before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico and entered a guilty plea to a felony information charging her with unlawful use of a communication facility in causing or facilitating commission of a felony under the Controlled Substances Act. On June 10, 2002, COYNE utilized the telephone at her Laconia residence to facilitate her husband's methamphetamine trafficking activities during Laconia Bike Week 2002.

At today's sentencing, Judge DiClerico imposed a sentence of 3 years probation during which COYNE's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("OCDETF"), and the aggressive prosecution of crimes related to all forms of illegal drug trafficking, including methamphetamine distribution. Although methamphetamine abuse is not as widespread in New Hampshire as the abuse of other illegal drugs like cocaine and heroin, it is nonetheless a significant threat to the public health and well-being."

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COYNE's is the is the eighth sentencing so far arising from the OCDETF investigation of methamphetamine trafficking in the Lakes Region conducted by the DEA, the N.H. Drug Task Force, and the N.H. State Police. Others previously convicted and sentenced in the case were:

- Ku Klux Klan Motorcycle Club member James Michael Coyne (12 ½ years imprisonment);
- Ku Klux Klan Motorcycle Club member Carroll "Jay" Lane (10 years imprisonment);
- Phoenix-based methamphetamine supplier Todd Maggard (14 years imprisonment);
- Laconia tattooist and methamphetamine distributor Michael "Hollywood" Fralic (5 years imprisonment);
- Tracy Johnson, 38, of Hastings, Florida (7 ½ years imprisonment); and
- Victoria Massar, 37, of Hastings Florida (two years imprisonment).

The prosecution was handled by First Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDETF").

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